

I-270/US 15 Open Houses

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GREETINGS

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)-State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA) are conducting Open Houses to discuss Express Toll Lanes at the locations listed below. Information on the I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study will also be available at the Open Houses.

The same information will be presented at both meetings. Meetings are offered at two locations for the convenience of the citizens in the area. These meetings will allow attendees to conduct a self-paced review of important information. Please note that there will be no formal presentation; however, state representatives will be available to receive comments and answer questions. All interested persons are invited to attend and participate in these Open Houses and express their views regarding Express Toll Lanes.

YOU ARE INVITED

OPEN HOUSE DETAILS

Montgomery County

Tuesday, June 29, 2004

Martin Luther King Jr., Middle School
13737 Wisteria Drive
Germantown, MD 20872
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Frederick County

Wednesday, June 30, 2004

Ballenger Creek Middle School
5525 Ballenger Creek Pike
Frederick, MD 21703
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Purpose of the Open Houses

Express Toll Lanes:

- What are they?
- How could they help ease Maryland's traffic congestion?
- How would they be used on I-270?

EXPRESS TOLL LANES

Having some of the most congested urban highways in the country, Maryland is considering implementing Express Toll Lanes to manage traffic flows or traffic demand and to improve the safety, mobility and efficiency of the State's highways. Express Toll Lanes offer motorists and transit users generally free-flowing traffic and reliable travel times. An integrated system of Express Toll Lanes could help ease the burden of traffic congestion throughout Maryland.

Express Toll Lanes in Maryland

Recognizing that Express Toll Lanes are most effective in corridors that experience high levels of congestion daily at peak periods, the MDOT-SHA and MdTA are considering Express Toll Lanes for a number of the State's most congested highways:

- Portions of I-95
- I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway)
- I-695 (Baltimore Beltway)
- I-270

I-270/US 15

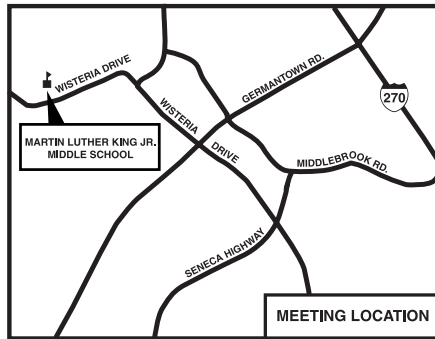
The I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study is a jointly sponsored project between the SHA and the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). The study area extends from the Shady Grove Metro Station (Montgomery County) to the US 15/Biggs Ford Road intersection (Frederick County). This "Technology Corridor" provides a critical link between the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and central and western Maryland.

In response to existing and projected growth within the corridor, the purpose of the I 270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study is to address congestion, increase mobility and improve safety along the I-270/US 15 Corridor. If nothing is done, transportation congestion, traffic operations and safety conditions will worsen. Many roadways and intersections would be forced to handle more volume than the current capacity allows, thus substantially increasing travel times. In June 2002, SHA/MTA held two Public Hearings at which a range of combined highway and transit alternates were presented for consideration. The highway alternates included the addition of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes or general-purpose lanes and extension of the existing collector-distributor lanes. The transit alternates included the 14± mile Corridor Cities Transitway (as either Light Rail Transit

or Bus Rapid Transit) or the use of Express Buses on the HOV lanes. Since the hearings, however, the project direction has been modified and the project team is currently evaluating the potential use of Express Toll Lanes on I-270. The Open House Meetings will introduce the Express Toll Lanes concept to the public and provide a project specific update.

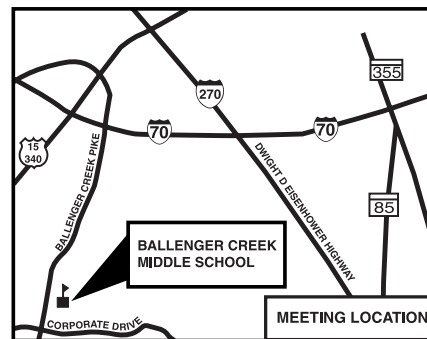
Next Steps for I-270/US 15 Study

- Review public comments concerning express toll lanes:
Fall 2004
- Obtain Record of Decision:
Summer 2006



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